Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 46-57 are pending in the application, with Claims 46, 50 and 54 being the independent claims. Claims 1-45 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 46-57 are sought to be added. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.607(c), Applicant hereby notifies the Examiner that claims 46-57, presented herein, are copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,436,310 (Hartley et al.), corresponding to claims 1-12 of said patent. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicant believes the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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